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Members Needed for Community Advisory Group

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) is being established in your community for the Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical Company site (Zeneca Site) in Richmond, CA. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is assisting the community in forming the CAG after receiving a petition signed by more than 80 people. The Zeneca Site is located at 1391 South 49th Street and consists of the property located between Meade Street, University of California Richmond Field Station, South 49th Street and the San Francisco Bay.

DTSC's mission is the protection of public health and the environment. A vital component of accomplishing this mission is providing meaningful opportunities for community members to have input into our decisions, of which the CAG will be an important part.

The purpose of the CAG is to provide regular and timely opportunities for the Richmond community to learn about environmental work at the site and provide input on DTSC's proposals. CAG members serve in voluntary positions and act as liaisons to the community. The CAG members will reflect the composition, diversity and interests of the local community. CAG community members can expect to devote a minimum of 12 days per year supporting the CAG. CAG meetings are open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend meetings to learn more about the Zeneca site.

If you are interested in applying for membership on the CAG, please contact Ms. Nancy Cook for an application:

Nancy Cook, Public Participation Specialist Department of Toxic Substances Control 700 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, CA 94710 510-540-3923 or ncook@dtsc.ca.gov

All Applications must be received by March 18, 2005. Applications will be reviewed and approved by a selection panel. The selection panel members will include representatives from DTSC, the petitioner, other agencies and representatives from the Richmond community.

Please contact Ms. Cook at 510-540-3923 if you have additional questions regarding the formation of the community advisory group for the Zeneca site.

If you would like additional information about the Zeneca Site or community advisory groups, please visit our Web sites at www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Zeneca/index.html www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/index.html